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12 August 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CI Staff  
Director of Security  
General Counsel, Attention: Mr. Warner

SUBJECT: Pat Coyne's Report on Disclosure of US Classified  
Military Information to Foreign Governments,  
dated 5 August 1959

1. At Planning Board discussion of the above report on 11 August, I had no trouble getting in my suggestion that Planning Board comment to the NSC on the report recommending:

"that the NSC note, in any action connected with the above report, that any review of the NDP is not intended to alter the special responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence and USIB under NSCIDs 1 and 5 and relevant agreements between DCI and the Secretaries of State and Defense."

I believe that this reserves our position and if you have any changes to suggest please let me know.

2. Coyne's oral exegesis on his report disclosed a few interesting points which I hereby pass on:

a. As for our "membership" on SD-MICC (which Security agreed we could relinquish and CI wanted us to keep) it was agreed that our status would remain as before, observers entitled to participate in any items affecting us.

b. Re paragraph 20 f and recommendations 4 of the report, Coyne commented on the fact that in missions abroad there seems to be no specific assignment of responsibilities for following up on SD-MICC team surveys. He said that the service attaches claimed responsibility belonged to MAAG and CIA, that the CIA people said responsibility belonged to the attaches or MAAG, etc. Hence his recommendation number 4.

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c. Re last sentence of recommendation 4, Coyne said that this was aimed at CIA. He pointed out that we have had some very good men on the survey teams but that this had apparently caused concern to some foreign governments lest we were using the teams as cover for intelligence operations. Hence Coyne felt that CIA people should not be on the teams.

d. Re Conclusion 13 that there should be a centralized monitoring of disclosures, i.e. that any disclosures should be reported to the MICC Secretariat, does this bother anybody? If carried out literally it would mean our reporting periodically to SD-MICC any disclosures of classified military information which we make for our own purposes. However, note that recommendations 5 and 6 which are designed to carry out this conclusion seem aimed primarily at the military agencies.

3. Pat Coyne has assured me that nothing in the report was intended in any way to infringe on our special responsibilities and his remarks at Planning Board indicated that he had no particular criticism aimed in our direction.

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